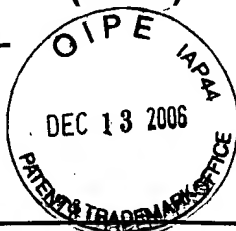


REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114.**
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 - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ☐ Other _____
 - ☒ **Enclosed**
 - ☒ **Preliminary Amendment** 12/15/2006 WABDELRI 00000037 09855641
 - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP
 - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 02 FC:1253 900.00 OP
 - ☐ Other _____
- Miscellaneous**
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 - ☐ Other _____
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 - ☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status.
 - ☒ **Fees are attached as calculated below:**
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